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**Response**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

In Response to the First Office Action in the above case dated 04/29/2004 in the above matter, please consider the election below.

Please note that a petition for two months extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 was filed concurrently with this paper with the required fee, extending the due date in the present Response to 09/29/2004, and that the present paper includes a certificate of mailing indicating a filing date before the expiration of the extended deadline.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

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